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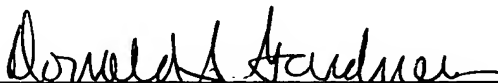
An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXAMINER INITIAL		
		"Ballast Requirements for Vehicles with Snowplow," by Fisher Engineering, Rockland, Maine, dated November 1, 1998.

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